

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)**  
**(Large Entity)**

Docket No.  
15226

In Re Application Of: Minoru Tsuruta

AUG 26 2004

Application No. 10/084,557	Filing Date February 26, 2002	Examiner Charles H. Sam	Customer No. 23389	Group Art Unit 3731	Confirmation No. 7971
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Invention: **MEDICAL RETRIEVAL INSTRUMENT**

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Office Action of March 12, 2004 above-identified application.  
*Date*

The requested extension is as follows (check time period desired):

☐ One month      ☐ Two months      ☒ Three months      ☐ Four months      ☐ Five months

from: June 12, 2004 until: September 12, 2004  
*Date* *Date*

The fee for the extension of time is **\$950** and is to be paid as follows:

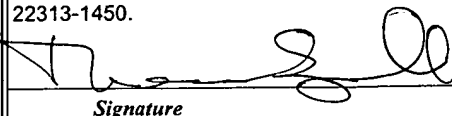
- ☒ A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed.
- ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. **19-1013/SSMP**
- ☒ If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor and charge any additional fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. **19-1013/SSMP**

  
*Signature*

Dated: **August 24, 2004**

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I certify that this document and fee is being deposited on August 24, 2004 with the U.S. Postal Service as first class mail under 37 C.F.R. 1.8 and is addressed to the Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

  
*Signature*

**Thomas Spinelli**

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